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STERILISING A HEAT SENSITIVE :
FLUID :
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to initiation of the prosecution of the above-identified pending U.S. patent application, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

IN THE TITLE

A 1 Amend the title to now read: "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR STERILIZING A HEAT SENSITIVE FLUID".

IN THE ABSTRACT

A 2 Please delete the Abstract as filed and substitute therefor the attached revised Abstract.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

A 3 Please amend the Specification in accordance with the attached revised Specification.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-40 and add new claims 41-84.

A 5 41. (NEW) A method for sterilizing a heat sensitive fluid comprising providing a first heat sensitive fluid component, providing a second fluid component, heating said second fluid component to a first temperature, said first temperature being greater than a predetermined sterilizing

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